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AGENDA

8:30 - 10:00 A. M. Registration and Coffee Hour

Opening Session: 10:00 A. M.

Opening Remarks -- Mr. Timothy Still, President,
United Community Corporation

Invocation -- Reverend Horace P. Sharper, Pastor,
Abyssinia Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.

Welcome Statement -- The Honorable Hugh Addonizio, Mayor,
City of Newark

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies -- Mr. Timothy Still

Master of Ceremonies -- The Honorable George Richardson
New Jersey State Assemblyman

Remarks: The Honorable Peter W. Rodino,
Congressman, 11th District

The Honorable Joseph Minish
Congressman, 12th District

Statement of Purpose: Dr. L. Sylvester Odom, Executive
Director, United Community Corporation

Address: Reverend H. Hartford Brookins, Pastor,
First A. M. E. Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

11:30 A. M. - 1:00 P. M.

Workshop Session No. I -- Police Community Relations

Moderator -- Reverend Levin West,
Grace Chapel Church, Newark

The Panel: Mr. Zain Matos, President,
Council of Puerto Rican Organizations

Mr. James Hooper, Chairman,
Newark-Essex Core

Mrs. Edna Thomas,
Scudder Homes Tenant Association

Mr. Emmet Godfrey,
Rutgers University, Police Training Program

Mr. Robert Cole,
Police Cadet Training, Neighborhood Youth Corp.

Mr. Al McCoy,
Dukers Athletic Club

Announcements --

Lunch -- 1:00 - 2:30 P. M.

Workshop Session No. II -- Employment

2:30 - 4:15 P. M.

Moderator -- Mr. Arthur Jones,
Executive Director, Total Employment
and Manpower

The Panel: Mr. James Teague,
Total Employment and Manpower

Mrs. Fran Johnson,
Joint Apprenticeship Program

Mr. James Pawley,
Urban League of Essex County

Mrs. Agnes Morales Preston,
U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Mr. Thomas Parks,
Title V, Department of Welfare

Mr. Thomas Edwards,
Local 889, AFL-CIO

Mrs. Louise Brown,
Newark Industrial Placement Office,
New Jersey Employment Service

Mr. C. Theodore Pinkney,
Business and Industrial Coordinating Council

Youth Representative

Workshop Session No. III -- Education

4:30 - 6:15 P. M.

Moderator -- Mr. Joseph Howell,
Special Assistant to the Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Education

The Panel: Mr. Al Black, Chairman,
Newark Human Rights Commission

Mr. John Garrett, NAACP

Mr. Fred Means,
Organization of
Negro Educators

Mrs. Mary Holley, President,
Newark Pre-School Council

Mr. Harry Jellinek, Principal,
Central Accredited Evening School

Mr. Harry Wheeler,
Teacher, Hawthorne Avenue School

Youth Representative

Announcements -

6:30 - 8:00 P. M. Dinner Hour

Closing Workshop Session

8:00 - 9:30 P. M.

Presentation: The Blue Ribbon Panel

Members

Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Johnson,
Managing Editor, Jet Magazine

Raymond Brown, Esq.,
Vice-Chairman, Governor's Select
Commission on Civil Disorders

Mr. James Threatt, Executive Director
Newark Human Rights Commission

Mr. James Blair,
Dept. of Community Affairs

Mr. Willie Wright, President,
United Afro-American Association

Mr. Otto McClarrin,
Special Assistant to Mr. Theodore Berry,
Director of Community Action Programs,
OEO, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Grady Poulard,
Civil Rights Division, OEO, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Andy Stanfield,
Newark Chamber of Commerce

Closing Statement: Dr. Benjamin Alexander,
Member, Board of Education, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Benjamin Harold Alexander, a native of Georgia, received his B. A. Degree in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati, his Master's Degree from Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, and his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Chemistry from Georgetown University, in Washington, D. C.

As a Chemist he has received wide recognition nationally kand is the author or co-author of over 41 chemical publications and/or U. S. Patents. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit and other citations and commendations from the Military. He holds the present rank of Major in the reserves. During the year 1966 he was appointed to the Board of Education for Washington, D. C. Ebony Magazine published an article on Dr. Alexander in March 1967, titled "Research Scientist Lends a Hand to Capitol Poor."

He is active in the Civil Rights Movement and is presently employed as Health Scientist Administrator for the Grants Association Program, National Institute of Health. He is a teacher for the American University, the U. S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School, and a Writer for the Washington Press.

Reverend H. Hartford Brookins, a native of Mississippi, received his B. A. Degree from the University of Wilberforce, Zenia, Ohio, and his Doctor of Divinity Degree from Payne Theological Seminary, Zenia, Ohio.

He is a member of the Commission on Church and Race, the Southern California Council of Churches, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Council of Churches. He has served as a member of the Board of Institutional Management, and a member of the Human Relations Commission for Wichita, Kansas. He played a leading role in re-establishing calm in the City of Los Angeles during and after the riot in the summer of 1965.

The Reverend Albert B. Cleage, Jr., is pastor of the Central United Church of Christ (also known as the Shrine of of the Black Madonna) and founder of the Black Christian Nationalist Movement.

He is Chairman of the Citywide Citizens Action Committee (CCAC), the Federation for Self-Determination, and the Inner-City Organizing Committee (ICOC), the three organizations which are systematically mobilizing, organizing and educating the Detroit black community for Self-Determination.

Rev. Cleage's column, MESSAGE TO THE BLACK NATION, appears weekly in the Michigan Chronicle, and he speaks every Sunday night on the CCAC-sponsored radio program "VOICE OF THE BLACK NATION", on WCHB, 1440, from 8:30 - 9:30 P. M.

A native of Detroit, Rev. Cleage is a graduate of Wayne State University and the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology.